

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Ridgely Historic District Inventory Number: CAR-341
Address: _____ Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: Ridgely Zip Code: 21660 County: Caroline
USGS Quadrangle(s): Ridgely
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 700
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Thomas Reinhart Date Prepared: 6/1/2000
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☒ yes ☐ no Name: Thomas Reinhart Date: 6/1/2000

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Ridgely Historic District is significant as a well-preserved example of an Eastern Shore town that was planned and developed to take advantage of the railroad and which became a prosperous commercial center for the surrounding farming community from the mid nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. It is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its associations with the development of agriculture, transportation, and commerce in rural Caroline County. It derives additional significance under Criterion C for its town plan and its cohesive aggregation of buildings reflecting a range of vernacular types characteristic of the region in the period.

The Ridgely Historic District is composed of 228 resources, the majority of which are residential, with 5 churches and roughly a dozen commercial structures. Of the 228 resources, 196 contribute to the potential district. Although a period of significance has yet to be identified, the district's resources date primarily to the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth century. A number of contributing commercial and residential structures date from the 1910s through 1950. There are only a handful of resources from the latter half of the twentieth century. Most of the contributing resources retain an extremely high level of integrity, although vinyl and aluminum siding are seen throughout the district.

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
MHT Comments: See list of contributing and non-contributing resources.

Nancy Kurtz
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Date

Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, National Register Program

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Date

CAR-341
Ridgely Historic District
Caroline County
Ridgely Quadrangle



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no ☐

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County: Caroline USGS Topographic Map: Ridgely quad

Owner: Multiple owners

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: CAR-700 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☒ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility **not** recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR program

Date

6/21/01
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Ridgely Historic District

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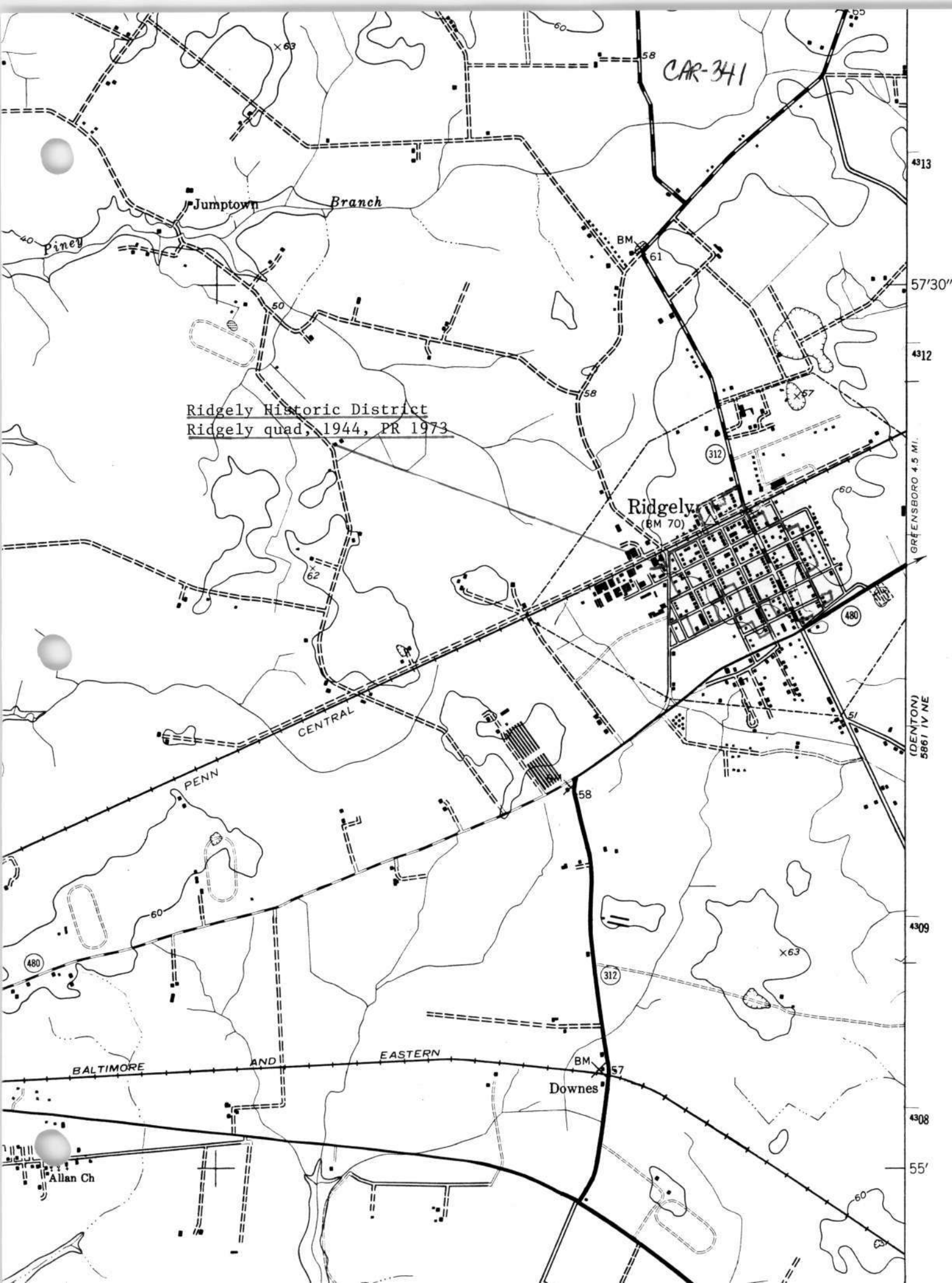
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Ridgely quad, 1944, PR 1973

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Jumpton

Branch

Piney

BM

61

4313

57'30"

4312

312

Ridgely
(BM 70)

60

GREENSBORO 4.5 MI.

CENTRAL

PENN

58

(DENTON)
5861 IV NE

4309

480

60

312

X63

4308

BALTIMORE

AND

EASTERN

BM

57

Downes

55'

Allan Ch

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Ridgely quad 1944, PR 1973



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NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Ridgely Telephone Exchange Inventory Number: CAR-341
Address: Railroad Street City: Ridgely Zip Code: 21660
County: Caroline USGS Topographic Map: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min Map; Ridgely Quad
Owner: Commissioners of Ridgely Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes
Tax Parcel Number: NA Tax Map Number: 700 Tax Account ID Number: Commissioners of Ridgely
Project: Tourist Information Points Agency: USDA
Site visit by MHT Staff: no no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? Yes yes no Eligible district

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: DOECAR-341

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district X yes District Name: Ridgely Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: DOE CAR-341 except for subject structure

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The building known as the Telephone Exchange has been moved two times in its 71 year history. It currently is located on the Railroad Park property that is owned by the Commissioners of Ridgely and due to the fact that they do not pay taxes there is no known Tax Parcel or ID number. It was moved to this location by the Caroline County Historical Society in 2007. The exterior has been renovated but the interior is waiting funds to complete the job.

Ridgely Telephone Exchange Building was originally constructed on 3rd St. between Central Ave. & Maryland Ave. in 1937. It faced S.E. as it does now. In 1950 it was sold to a gentleman on Ninetown Road about a mile north of the town where it was used for storage. It is a small frame one-story structure that is covered with standard weatherboard with two 6/6-pane windows and a 6-panel door on the façade with one 6/6-pane window on the N.E. Gable. There are no openings on the other two walls except for semicircular vents in both gables. Inside is a single room which had beaver board sheathing with narrow lath covering the seams.

Ridgely Telephone Exchange is a contributing structure to the potential National Register Historic District, even though it has been moved twice from its original location in town. Its present location is prominent as Railroad Park is the only park in town and it is located close to the main street (Central Avenue – Md. Rt. 312) where it will be used for Tourist Information. It is eligible under Criteria A due to the fact that it is the second telephone building in Ridgely and a reminder of the role telephone service has played in the development of many aspects of commerce & communication in the United States.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A X B C D E F G None

Comments: Retains historical association with NR-eligible district despite having been relocated

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

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It is also a contributing feature due to its architectural quality that resembles many small dwellings that were constructed in the second quarter of the 20th century by the E.S. Adkins Co., a local Lumber Company and Construction Firm.

See attachments: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min Map; Ridgely Quad.
Ridgely Historic District Map (from DOE for HD)
Description of Building, 16 Feb. 2007

prepared by: Michael Bourne

Date Prepared: 30 May 2009



**Ridgely Telephone Exchange
(thought to have been)
Farmers & Merchants Telephone Building
Ridgely, MD**

The telephone building was originally located in the town of Ridgely, but was moved many years ago (1950) to become part of an existing house on Ninetown Road north of Ridgely. The plans never materialized so the building sat on the side of the road on concrete block piers until being moved back to Ridgely in (2008). It is currently located on the town property adjoining the railroad tracks.

The one-room, one-story frame structure was very simply constructed but has a few details that set it apart from ordinary early 20th century buildings. The original façade is composed of two windows with 6/6-pane sash and a six-panel door to the right thereof. They are all trimmed simply with a drip edge above the trim and their heads align horizontally. All walls are covered with plain weatherboard with 6" exposure. At the corners instead of vertical corner boards, there are metal corners that cover the ends of the weatherboards.

On the right gable end is a single window centered on the wall that matches the other two windows on the façade. Centered above the window in the gable is a louvered lunette. The opposite gable end has no window but it does have another louvered vent. There is a very small overhang to the eaves and the "A" roof is covered with asbestos shingles that have probably been on the building since it was constructed in 1937. The

back wall of the building is simply covered with weatherboard without window or door. A small thimble penetrates the wall about five feet back from the right gable and about five feet above floor level.

The interior of the building is composed of a single space with the inside of the aforementioned thimble showing on the back wall. The walls and ceiling are covered with fiberboard with narrow battens covering the seams. The floor is narrow yellow pine tongue & groove boards, deteriorated in some places, especially near the door.

Since writing this description it has been moved to Ridgely



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February 16, 2007
From visit to site Dec. 28, 2005
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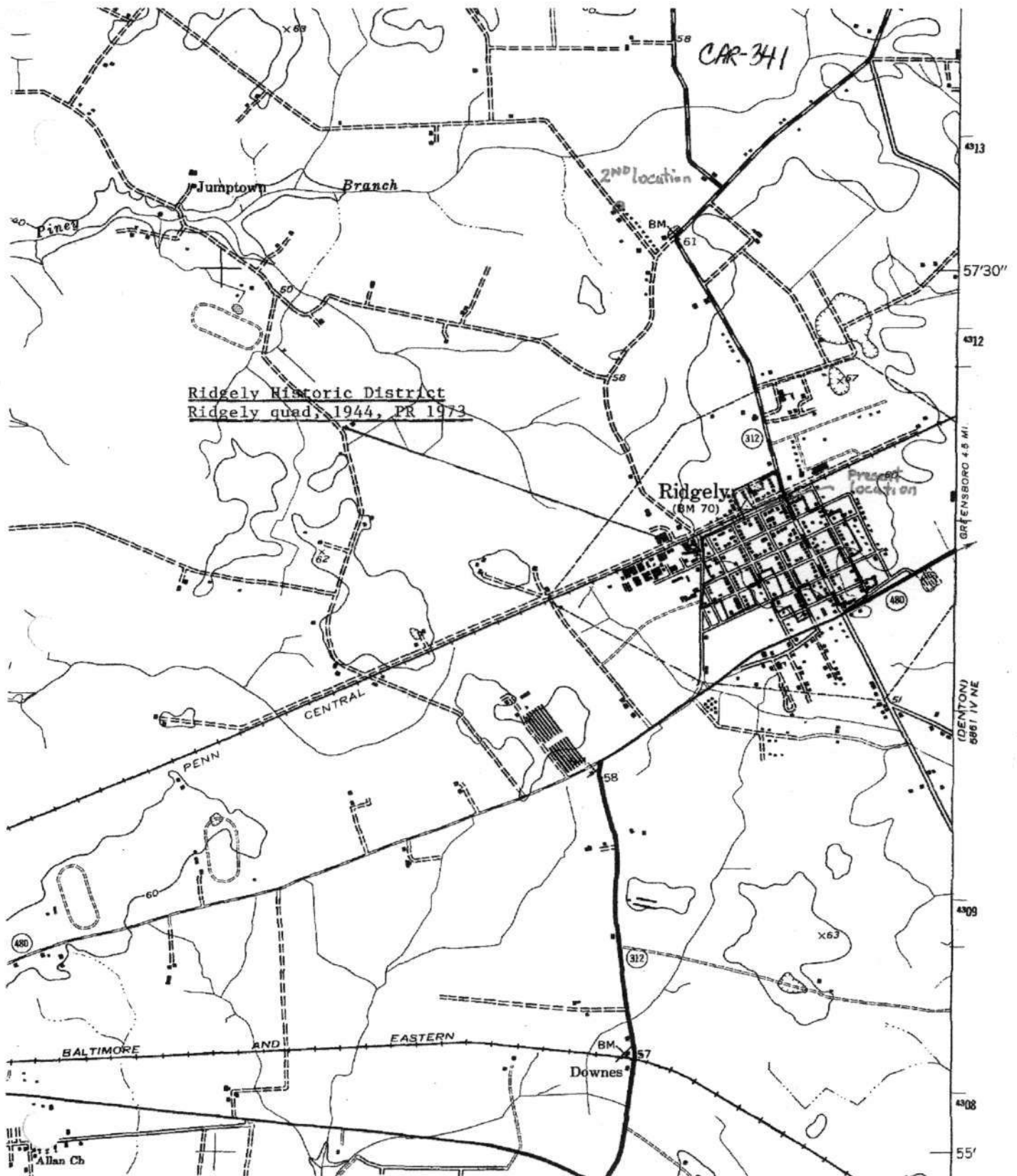
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N.E. view



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